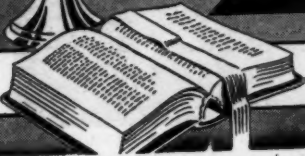


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A WORD AND PICTORAL HISTORY OF THE CHURCH OF GOD AT PELZER, S. C.

In the year of 1920, several different holiness movements were worshipping God in the homes at Pelzer, S. C. Mrs. Lizzie Seigler moved here from Tremont Avenue Church of God in Greenville, S. C., and was disappointed to find there was no Church of God. So she began to work toward getting a church organized. She contacted Rev. W. H. Cross, state overseer, and he sent a Reverend Rogers and his wife to undertake the work. They were furnished house No. 9 on Finley Street, by the mill company, in which they put seats and began having services. Brother Rogers was succeeded by Reverends Cox and Sam Cooper. They built a brush arbor between Hampton and Finley Streets and ran a successful revival, leaving at the close of the meeting. In the meantime No. 11 house burned on Finley Street, and

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No. 9 was moved to that lot, leaving the lot vacant. Sister Seigler then approached Captain Smythe, president of the mills, for help on a church building, and he gave permission for a church to be built on the lot where they had been worshipping and said he would help them. With only seven members, however, the church was unable to build at that time.

Brother and Sister J. A. Hanvey and Brother and Sister Charlie Morgan stretched a tent in West Pelzer, across from the place our present parsonage sits, and conducted a successful revival. Sister Nettie Hanvey was then ap-

pointed to serve as the first pastor. They still worshiped in homes. In 1924, the membership was given part time in the Union Church, now known as the Wesleyan Church. They worshiped there for approximately one and one-half years. The work flourished for a while, with 59 members. However, regrettable to say, confusion arose in 1926; the flock was scattered; and the church was disbanded.

In 1930, Brother and Sister J. A. Hanvey came back to Pelzer and began holding services in the home of Grandmother Hopkins. Sister Hanvey arranged for Brother Zeno C. Tharp,

present Assistant General Overseer, to come and reorganize the church. It was reorganized with 11 members, and Brother Clyde Dempsey, now deceased, was our next pastor. While with us, he made plans to build a church.

Again Brother J. A. Hanvey was sent here to pastor. Mr. W. E. Saylor gave a lot for a church building to be constructed. Through the faithful efforts of Mr. Saylor's daughter, Mrs. Ola Pressley, and a few others, money was solicited during the depression, and a wooden building, 28 feet by 40 feet was erected. This was church building No.

1. In May, 1933, the church was dedicated almost free of debt. Then the work began to grow and a Y. P. E. was organized.

Brother Grady Waters was our next pastor. God blessed during his ministry, and he had a good influence over the public; we began raising money to purchase another lot.

Brother N. A. Jordan succeeded Brother Waters in 1939 as pastor. He purchased the lot where the second church was built (see picture). He organized the L. W. W. B. which proved to be very helpful.

In 1941 Brother W. H. Brewer came to serve us. He started a building on the lot purchased by Brother Jordan and almost completed it before Brother M. G. Quinton succeeded him in 1942. Brother Quinton led in completing the church building and dedicating it to the Lord. Brother J. R. Mullinax came to us in 1944 to be our pastor for 4 years. While he was here 4 Sunday School rooms were added to the church, and a 7-room parsonage was purchased. Our progress was becoming more regular and definite all the time.

In September of 1948, Brother J. T. Shealey was appointed pastor of our church. At that time we had 59 members and an indebtedness of a little more than \$1,300. In the three and a half years he has been our pastor, the blessings of God upon us have been great. Following are a few of our many accomplishments: The old parsonage had some remodeling done on it, and a bath, hot water heater, and electric stove were installed. The house was underpinned, and the yard was built up. A bus was purchased, and later a larger and better one was traded for. Our Sunday School reached a peak of 303. We broke our Sunday School attendance record for 11 consecutive months. We installed a gas heating system throughout the church building. Yet our pastor and members realized the need of a more adequate building. After much prayer, fasting, and hard work by the pastor, members, and friends, there now stands (see front cover) on Highway 29 in Pelzer, one of the most beautiful churches in the Church of God. The building is valued at \$100,000 and is fully equipped with factory-built, light oak pews and choir chairs to seat 600. Also, the pulpit furniture, exhaust fans, P. A. system, grand piano, stained-glass picture of the River Jordan behind the choir over the baptistry, and a number of church-owned instruments, all help to make a lovely meeting place for God's people. There are 25 rooms in the building, consisting of 18 classrooms, a nursery, pastor's study, church office with the latest equipment, 2 rest rooms, and 2 baptismal dressing rooms. All of the church equipment is paid for, and the present church indebtedness is just a little over \$19,000. The second church building was not very old, so it was rearranged into a beautiful new parsonage, valued at \$7,000. It consists of 6 rooms, hall, and bath. It is furnished with an electric stove, hot water heater, and a duo-therm heater to heat the house. The cost of converting the building into a parsonage was

a little more than \$4,000, and it is now paid for. Once a month, for a number of months, \$1,000 was raised on the building.

We had our second home-coming day March 2, 1952. Brother J. D. Bright, Editor-in-Chief, brought to us 2 wonderful messages. Our district overseer, Joe McCoy, and a number of pastors from our district and elsewhere were with us. God blessed in a wonderful way, and again we raised \$1,000. To God be all the honor and praise forever, amen. He hath done wonderful things for us whereof we are glad!—Mrs. Eva Teague and Willie Waters, Reporters.

Editor's Note: The good pastor had invited me to be with him and his faithful membership on other occasions, but I had been hindered. Therefore, it was a genuine delight to be with them on their home-coming day March 2. Having known a number of the members for several years, and knowing the difficult circumstances through which they have come to this great success in being housed in one of the most beautiful church edifices, inside and out, that I have ever seen, I am made to say with the poet, "The harder the battle, the sweeter the victory," and "What hath God wrought." The underlying reason for all this remarkable progress and astounding success, however, is summed up in these facts: faith in God, faith in each other, wise pastoral leadership, and determined loyal teamwork on the part of membership and friends with the hard-working, courageous pastor. It was not only a pleasure to see and speak to the membership, visiting ministers and friends, but also a special privilege to enjoy a few hours' fellowship with Brother and Sister Shealey and their children in the lovely parsonage.



In February, 1952, two of our beloved charter members of the Pelzer, S. C., Church of God celebrated their 42d wedding anniversary. They are Brother Frank and Sister Eva Teague. For years they have been very active in church work. We appreciate their interest in every department of the church. The Pelzer Church of God wishes for them many more happy anniversaries.—By Mrs. Horace Reed, Member.

SPECIAL REQUEST FOR PRAYER

Our little boys has had rheumatic fever for over a year, and he is in a serious condition now. We are asking everyone to help us pray for his healing. We are trusting God.—Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Garlen, 1121 Sherman St., Decatur, Ala.

"Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men" (Rom. 12:17).

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1. In the verbal inspiration of the Bible.

2. In one God eternally existing in three persons; namely, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

3. That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived of the Holy Ghost, and born of the virgin Mary. That Jesus was crucified, buried, and raised from the dead; that He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as the Intercessor.

4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins.

5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.

6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost.

7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people.

8. In the baptism of the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart.

9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement.

12. In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet.

13. In the premillennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years.

14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.

EDITORIAL ...

Holiness

According to Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, holiness is the state or character of being holy. As relates to humanity, there can be holiness only as people are holy. It was God's plan for man, even before the foundation of the world, that he should be holy, for in Eph. 1:4 we read, "According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love." Then God's specific message to man was, "Ye shall be holy: for I the Lord your God am holy," Lev. 19:2. The writer of Heb. 3:1 addressed a group as "holy brethren"; in 1 Peter 2:5, Christians are spoken of as a "holy priesthood"; and in 1 Peter 3:5, we have a group of women addressed as "holy women." Again, in 2 Peter 1:21, we find, "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but *holy men* of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." Therefore, we find that men in both the Old and New Testaments qualified as holy men, and in reading Heb. 12:14 we are convinced that every human being that has a hope of seeing God will have to be holy and *live holy lives*. Notice how it reads: "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord."

Holiness is a requisite on the part of God's people as much today as it has ever been, and that regardless of the streamlining, modernizing, high-browed, sophisticated, blood-draining, compromising tendencies and efforts by some ministers and laymen. It was settled in the determinate council of the Godhead, before man was ever made, that he is to be holy. God is holy, therefore He has a perfect right to demand holiness of His people.

Another thing that adds to the importance of holiness is the fact that Jesus Christ shed His lifeblood to provide for mankind the only means through which he can be cleansed from sin and restored to holiness. He suffered without the gate that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, and the exhortation to us is, "Go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach," Heb. 13:12, 13. Man needs holiness of heart in order to live a victorious, useful Christian life. Then, too, there has never been a time when the conditions of humanity demanded the preaching and the presentation of this subject more frequently and forcefully. Neither is there anything that will so help mankind in this terrible darkness, brought on by the abounding presence of iniquity, than the message of blood-bought holiness and holy living.

There are those who have started with the Lord Jesus but are still struggling with the inward foe who also need the message of God's marvelous grace through Jesus Christ for their full deliverance. It is a fact that many churches do not tolerate the preaching or teaching of holiness, and this, all the more, shows that we who believe in holiness should preach it more ardently than ever before. There is no disputing the fact that this thing of neglecting the doctrine of holiness and heart purity is not only chargeable to modernistic churches, but there is a growing neglect, on the part of churches that are classed as fundamental, to preach and live up to this Bible standard. To fail to emphasize the importance of every person, who would follow the Lord Jesus, coming into possession of the full blessing and knowledge of heart purity, is a thing that is apt to *cheapen Pentecost*. After all, we know that only the pure in heart, sanctified and consecrated, are fit temples for the Holy Ghost. On the other hand, we know that there are numbers in the ranks of Pentecostals who are unsanctified. Many of them are sincere and conscientious, but someone, I fear, has failed to properly instruct them on the

importance of holiness of heart and life. I firmly believe that one of the most dependable witnesses of heart purity is the reception of the Holy Ghost. Notice what Heb. 10:14, 15 says: "For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified. Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us."

God holds His ministers responsible, and there is nothing in the world that will so help the members of our congregations as to preach the Word. Preach Holiness—holy talking, walking, living. One thing certain, we will preach holiness if we preach the full gospel. Any other standard is far too low, and not only that, but too easy on sin. Preaching on holiness should not relate, exclusively, to dress, adornment, habits, or the giving of vent to tempers, etc. These things, of course ought to be denounced but just raising a standard on the behaviour of holiness is not enough. Many people have been educated to the point that they know how to conduct themselves in manly religious, courteous fashion. But the main thing is heart purity; not something that we are educated to or trained to, or that we do by repression or impression, but rather because the heart is pure. Ministers should so emphasize the advantages of holiness of heart and life that the converted will hunger for this experience and life possible for every believer.

The doctrine of holiness is indispensable, and when ministers and teachers remain silent about it they are giving mute testimony that they do not believe in it, or that they do not consider it important. Not only that, but silence on this great subject is certainly displeasing to God and nothing short of sin against the people to whom one ministers. One thing sure, for the Church of God to continue as it began, we must cling to the message of its founders, and follow their example in preaching and living holiness, regardless of what others may do. This certainly is no time for soft-soaping or sugar-coating. *Holiness* may sound unsophisticated, nevertheless the old saying is still true—"It is holiness or hell," holiness in the heart, home, church, and at your work.

The preaching of old time old-fashioned Bible holiness, even to those who do not believe it as we do, will certainly not drive them away; in fact there is something about this great doctrine when Biblically preached that moves the hearts of people to reverence and respect more often than to ridicule. Of course, no subject should be used at any time with the thought of taking advantage of those who disagree with us, and yet it would be difficult to select any subject, at any time, on which every person present would agree. First, every minister and teacher should be actuated by a sincere desire to please God. After all, people who do not agree with us know that we believe in holiness, and naturally expect us to preach on the subject, not as a life possible only to glorified beings, but as a life that born-again, sanctified people live right here on earth. Therefore, it is my sincere belief that preaching heart purity will not drive people away, but, instead, attract them to our services.

To preach and teach holiness keeps the minister and the teacher challenged to live holy lives. To neglect the subject of holiness and fail to emphasize it is apt to cause a person to become so lenient and careless as to fail to live up to the standard of holiness. Our young people need to be instructed in the ways of holiness; and we may be assured of one thing, that if we do not stress holiness of life and character in our homes and Sunday Schools in such a way as to help our young people to understand that holiness is a practical experience for every heart and life, and that it is demanded of everyone who hopes to enter eternal life, the church of tomorrow will be standing on a flimsy foundation.

The demand under the old economy was to worship God in the beauty of holiness (1 Cor. 16:20). David said, "Holiness becometh thine house, O Lord, for ever," Psa. 93:5. Isaiah said, "And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it: but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein," Isa. 35:8. Who



established this highway of holiness, the true and living way? None other than Jesus Christ. How did He do it? With His own precious blood. We are living in the day of the *highway of holiness*, although some think of it only relating to the millennium. One thing sure, we will never know anything actually about the millennium without we *live holy here*. Luke 1:73-75 says, "The oath which he swore to our father Abraham, that he would grant unto us, that we, being delivered out of the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life." This thing of holiness comes about not only through the sanctifying power of the blood of Jesus Christ, but it is a life to be lived day in and day out. This is substantiated by Paul in Rom. 6:19-22, "I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness. For when ye were the servants of sin (sin tendencies, carnality), ye were free from righteousness. What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death. But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life."

Again Paul says to the Christians at Corinth, who were evidently unsettled, as set forth in the 6th chapter, "Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." This was evidently a challenge to the double-minded, self-centered Christians (2 Corinthians 7:1, 2). The burden of Paul's heart for the Thessalonians is expressed in 1 Thess. 3:10, 13, where he says, "Night and day praying exceedingly that we might see your face, and might perfect that which is lacking in your faith? To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints." This should be the burden of every pastor or evangelist and teacher, that those to whom they minister might be established in holiness. For, as Paul says in 1 Thess. 4:7, "God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness." And again in 1 Tim. 2:14, 15, by way of encouragement to the wives, "And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression. Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety." This simply means

that the women cannot hope to meet God's approval without living up to the standard of holiness any more than men can. Paul gives further exhortation concerning the women in Titus 2:3-5: "The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; that they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed." Then, in verse 6-8, he gives a message to the young men, those who at times would be tempted to believe they are privileged characters: "Young men likewise exhort to be sober-minded. In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you." What standard of holiness!

Now, again the central text of this subject, "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." There are two great phases to this text: first, our relation to our fellow man—follow peace with men; live at peace with men; be peaceable! And this is a good way to prove our holiness, and without the two we need not expect to see the Lord in peace. The goal then that every Christian should have in mind, in addition to eventually seeing the Lord, is "that we might be partakers of his holiness." Heb. 12:10. Therefore, in living a godly consecrated, holy life, we are brought into close kinship with the Lord Jesus, as stated in Heb. 2:11, 12: "For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren. Saying, I will declare thy name unto thy brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee." Therefore, the challenge is this: if we want to be full-fledged members of God's family, we must be holy. Paul's appeal to the church is, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice (notice, not a dead sacrifice), holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God," Rom. 12:1, 2. This exhortation stands today. Its appeal is to every Christian, and there are only two persons who can keep anyone from experiencing and living a holy life—first, the devil; second, oneself. Overcome both—have, live and promote holiness.

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PENTECOSTAL UNION FELLOWSHIP REVIVAL, LA GRANGE, GA., IN APRIL

Beginning about April 10, and continuing through the rest of the month,

a Pentecostal Union Fellowship Revival will be conducted in La Grange, Ga., in a large tent on Johnson Street, sponsored by the following churches: Church of God, Assembly of God, Fire Baptized Churches, Pentecostal Church of God, and Pentecostal Holiness Church. Rev. Doyle Zackary, of Greenville, S. C., will be the guest speaker. Rev. Zackary is a noted evangelist and comes to us from the Pentecostal Holiness Church. He also prays for the sick. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to come and enjoy the blessings of the Lord in this fellowship meeting.—W. C. Swilley, Pastor of the Fourth Avenue Church of God, and Chairman of the Fellowship Group in La Grange, Ga.

NOTICES

I am no longer a pastor. If anyone would like for me to help you, I will be glad to visit your church or anyone who is sick. I feel that my calling is to visit and encourage those who can't enjoy life or the good blessings of God. Pray for me to be a blessing to the lost and suffering.—T. L. Little, R. F. D. 3, Box 278, Washington, N. C.

I am now open for revivals.—James H. Brily, Robersonville, N. C.

Reports ...

God Is Doing Wonderful Things for Us

I feel like letting the good people everywhere know the wonderful things God is doing for the East 55th Street Church of God in Cleveland, Ohio.

God's smile of approval is upon this church from the pastor, Brother Marcum, and his wife, to the laity in every department. God is healing the sick and saving souls in nearly every service. Fine young men and women are enlisting in the King's Army.

We have a wonderful group of young people who are consecrated to God and are occupying a very definite place in the church. They work as well as pray, as will be attested to by the lovely carpet and drapes that have been placed in our church. If you were to arrive at our church between seven and seven-thirty, you would be attracted by the songs and shouts proceeding from the upper room where sometimes 15 or 20 young people are gathered for prayer meeting, the old-fashioned kind, where they take turns conducting the service, and they all testify and pray for each other's requests and for the service that night. There is great talent in this group of young people, as you would soon realize could you hear the wonderful Spirit-filled special songs they sing during the evening service. Some of them are rendering invaluable service as Sunday School teachers and Y. P. E. officials.

The Willing Workers' groups have been working, too, and a lovely new Tappan gas range and a circulating heater have been added to the parsonage furnishings. The next week or so will see the installation of a baptismistry in the church, and there are already some happy candidates awaiting the first baptismal service.

The Sunday School, under the leadership of our good superintendent, Brother William McConnell, is also on the march. The attendance is increasing; the interest is good; and the teachers are capable. New tables and chairs are being purchased for the Primary Department, and the Sunday School is paying for our building.

Brother Marcum, assisted by Sister Rose Short, of Washington, Pa., and Brother Klinnson, pastor of the Buckeye Road Church of God (also of Cleveland), conducted a great revival in which 11 were saved, 4 sanctified, and one filled with the Holy Ghost. The last Sunday night of the revival was truly glorious. The power began falling during the young people's prayer meeting in the upper room and continued throughout the service. Brother and Sister Marcum were greatly anointed to pray for the sick, and several testified to having been healed. During the message there was much conviction, and the altar was

filled with seekers. One young man was wonderfully sanctified, and others received blessings from the Lord.

We are so happy over the progress of our church, but we give God all the glory. He is our Captain, and He is leading us from victory to victory. When we look back for a moment to our humble beginning as a church in Cleveland, and remember the many trials we have had and the many times the devil has sought to destroy us, we bow our heads and worship the great God of heaven and earth who has brought us thus far.—Sister Maymie West, 378 Broadway, Bedford, Ohio.

LANCASTER, S. C.—We are happy to report the progress that is being made for God here in Lancaster. The Lord has and is blessing us abundantly, and we honor Him for it. Recently we had a 12-night meeting, with Rev. E. M. Ferguson, which resulted in at least 30 definite experiences. Twelve members have joined our church, with more to unite next Sunday. The revival spirit prevails in our regular services. Last Sunday night 6 were wonderfully saved. From all reports, our attendance, Sunday School and regular services, is the best it has been for quite some time. The members of this church are some of the most considerate with whom I have ever worked. When they find a family in need of food or clothing, whether they are members or not, they see to it that

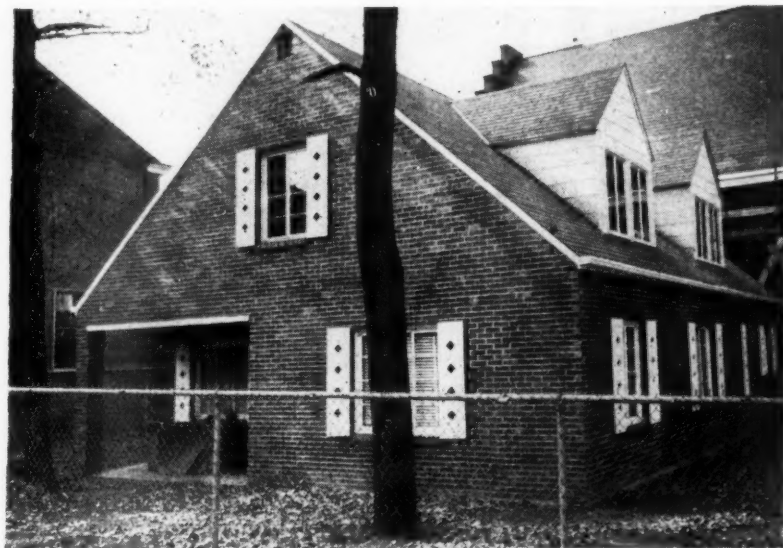
they receive the necessary assistance. The people here are ready, willing and anxious to manifest the real spirit of true Christianity. I cannot speak too highly of them. Pray that we may all stay humble at the cross of Jesus and be just as "clay in the Potter's hands."

—T. W. Day, Pastor.

AN EXCERPT FROM A LETTER

Our church is getting along good. We have finally started our new building. I'm starting from the back and building to the front. We are badly in need of Sunday School rooms. Three classes have to meet outside now, so we started our Sunday School rooms first, and as soon as we have them ready for use we shall begin with the foundation for the rest of the building. It will be 105 feet long, 70 feet wide at the back, and 42 feet wide at the front. The "T" part is being built for a second floor. According to our architect, if the project is let to a contractor, the cost would be \$65,000, but we are doing the labor ourselves. I have already laid over 400 blocks. I suppose a minister should learn to do most everything for God's cause. Pray for our revival; George Alford, of Tennessee, is our evangelist. —B. E. Ellis, Pastor at Lake Worth, Fla.

The men who succeed best in public life are those who have courage to stand by their convictions.—Garfield.



This is a picture of the parsonage at the Pittsburgh, Pa., Church of God. It was built while Brother R. C. Muncy was the pastor here, but he moved away before living in the new building. It is an eight-room house, modern throughout. One would have to see the building to appreciate it. Many long and hard hours were spent by Brother Muncy in the construction of this building. Brother Verrico and

the good people at Pittsburgh have furnished it with splendid furniture, making it a lovely place to live. The present pastor and the members are working hard for the Church in that city, and the results of their hard labors are evident in souls saved and added to the Church of God. May God continue to bless them in their work for God and His Church.—James A. Cross, State Overseer of Pennsylvania.

Help Yourself to Health

C. M. Cadwallader

By One Who Did

No one in his right mind will dispute the fact that good health is one of the greatest blessings of life. Be we wealthy as Croesus but lacking the ability to eat and sleep well, or racked with divers ills that reduce us to the point where "there is no health in us," we are, of all men, most miserable, and wealth, honor, social position and what-have-you are reduced to a mockery and delusion.

From World War One I emerged a "burnt out" case, irritable, nervous and decidedly feeble in concentration. True, I was able to work at an office desk at considerable reduced efficiency for nearly a score of years after, but the time had come when physical support failed me. I was no longer able to think fast enough or always accurately; was far outstripped by the rising generation and ready for the human scrap heap. Of course, the inevitable happened—I had to seek other employment.

In the middle fifties, broken in health, with a family of four dependents, the prospect was the most disquieting of my life, a situation which might aptly have caused Sir W. S. Gilbert, of comic opera fame, to remark, "Here's a pretty grim how-do-you-do." Yes, indeed.

The fact that there were multitudes whose plight was far worse than mine did not escape me, and I recalled particularly an incident in the life of the great Handel when, impoverished in health and fortune, even to the very threshold of the debtor's prison, he had plumbed the depths of misery and despair. Apparently the worst had happened. It was in this extremity that his exceptional knowledge of the Scriptures gave to the world its mightiest oratoria, "The Messiah," inspiring him to write it in the record time of twenty-two days. So I reached for that volume, designated in the British Coronation Ceremony, "The Most Precious Thing That This World Affords," which is none other than God's Word written—the Bible, and fastened on this passage: "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" Ps. 27:1, and many another exhortation such as: "He giveth power to the faint;

and to them that have no might He increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: but they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint," Is. 40:29-31.

That was a challenge to my faith and fighting spirit. Handel's experience was perfect convincing confirmation of Isaiah quoted above, and it cemented my trust in the dependability of the Scriptures as an infallible guide to follow unswervingly. That spirit was sustained and strengthened by a habit of daily prayer and Bible study, supplemented by physical exercise. Rigid adherence to this program for a year or so restored my strength and confidence in marvelous measure, and it was on a visit to a fuel dealer of long

business acquaintance one day that I jokingly asked for a job. Reciprocating the jocular mood, he countered,

"What can you do," accenting the personal pronoun and surveying my 5 feet 3 inches that carried 130 pounds of dubious ability with critical appraisal.

"I don't know until I try, but I'll tackle anything within reason,".

Being well-endowed with the milk of human kindness and a generous sense of humor, and saying to himself, as he afterward told me, "He won't last long," he led the way to a sizeable hill of sawdust and instructed me in the simple manual art of filling sacks to the weight of about fifty pounds of this by-product with a scoop shovel.

Slow, awkward and crude? Of course I was, so much so that a day or two after my debut I saw him coming toward me stifling a laugh with a mouthful of sawdust. The sure premonition seized me that I was to be fired there and then, but I quickly forestalled him with some mirthful remark, and he changed his mind.—**Gospel Herald.**

OBITUARY

RONALD DEAN COOK

Funeral services for Ronald Dean Cook, 14, talented son of the Reverend R. C. Cook, pastor of the Missionary Ridge Church of God, Chattanooga, Tenn., were held in that church at 2:30 p. m., March 14. Ronald's death came as a result of an automobile accident near Memphis, March 10, when the family car, driven by his father, went out of control when striking a slick place on the road, resulting in minor injuries to Brother Cook, his daughter Nancy, and Reverend Freddy Gray, but fatally injuring Ronald Dean, resulting in his death Tuesday night, the 11th. Brother Cook was enroute to Wichita Falls, Texas, to return Sister Cook who was visiting with their daughter and son-in-law, Winona and Donald Aultman.

Ronald's death seems to be a striking instance of how God, in His all-wise plan, lives fully and well in the lives of some people in a matter of a few years, while others live to a ripe old age, yet their years are short in terms of usefulness. But Ronald got off to a good start, in that he was given birth by a godly, consecrated mother, and brought up under the influence of a devout father and successful minister. He lived in a Christian environment in his home, and was kept in that environment in the church where he was talented as a trombonist. He was a living witness, both to the youth and adults, who loved him dearly. His influence was wielded for God and righteousness, not only in the church, but also in the high school which he at-

tended, and the presence of his schoolmates at his funeral bespoke their sorrow and keen sense of loss. The seating capacity of the church, near 800, was taken, and the aisles throughout the church were packed with people standing. In addition to this, there were apparently enough people on the outside to fill the church again.

The following ministers officiated: Reverends A. V. Beaubie, state overseer of Tennessee; J. L. Golins, pastor at Knoxville, Tenn.; Ray Hughes, pastor at North Chattanooga, Tenn.; and Harry Kutz and John Meares, pastors in Memphis, Tenn. Most of the general officials were present, and also a number of state and out-of-state ministers were present. The beautiful floral offering and the large congregation spoke loudly of the love and sympathy held for Brother and Sister Cook and their good family. Among the very fitting and touching songs that were sung was Ronald's own special favorite, "I Ain't Got Long to Stay Here." One wonders if there was with him a kind of a subconscious premonition that he would reach the climax of his zestful Christian life at an early age. The last song that he blew on his trombone, in his father's service Sunday night, March 9, was, "Wait 'Til You See Me in My New Home." It was with this statement that the Reverend Beaubie closed his comforting message. May God's most choice blessing rest richly upon our good fellow minister, his faithful wife and children, and eventually give to them a grand reunion with Ronald in his new home.—J. D. B.

BE YE ALSO READY

By Evangelist Margaret L. Watson,
Timonium, Md.

"Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh," Matt. 24:44.

As Jesus sat upon the Mount of Olives the disciples came to Him saying, "Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many."

As we read these precious words of warning from the Saviour's own lips, telling His disciples to take heed that they be not deceived by the false teachers and false prophets that would come, we feel that He is speaking to us the same words. This is a message of warning, for we are now living in the last days, when the anti-christ spirit is here. False prophets and false teachers have already come and have spread false doctrine into every nation. Jesus said this would be one of the signs of the last days. Then He said, "Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows."

Dear reader, if all of these things are only the beginning of sorrows, then what will the end be, and what will it mean to those who are careless and unconcerned about their souls? and all of those who refuse to come to Jesus? and the professing church members who scoff at the Word of God, are careless about living for God, and neglect the house of God, choosing rather to sleep on Sunday morning than to get out and go to worship Him? It is time to take inventory of your life and see where you stand with God.

Many had rather sit at home and watch television than go to church. But, Jesus may come at any moment, and He will not wait until your television program goes off to take you with Him. If you enjoy your television more than you do God's service, then you had better go back to the altar, for your heart is not right in the sight of God. I know that we who love God and try to lift up the standard are evil spoken of and despised, but Jesus said it would be so in the last days. He said, "Because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved."

This victory is not given to them who start and look back. It is not given to those who are careless about living for God; and it is not given to those who entangle themselves with the things of the world. But it is given to those who hold out faithful unto the end. Again Jesus said, "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come. When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet,

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stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand,) then let them which be in Judea flee into the mountains." Then Jesus told them to learn a parable of the fig tree: "When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: so likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors," Matt. 24:32, 33.

Surely, we are living in the last days. We are seeing all these signs fulfilled today. Many strange things are happening which the world wonders at, but God's people who are living holy and looking for Jesus to come know that all these things are a warning to us that His coming is near at hand. It tells us that we are living in the Saturday evening of time, when God's great clock is moving up to the last sunset before the rapture takes place. Praise the precious name of Jesus! We have seen the words of the prophets fulfilled. We have seen many of the things Jesus told His disciples would happen. We have seen the Jewish people scattered to all parts of the earth. We know how they have been persecuted—they have been killed; they have been driven from one place to another; their cities have been destroyed; they have been as sheep without a shepherd. But wait! Now we see them returning to the Holy Land, building again the cities that were laid low to the ground. The fig tree is budding; the stage is being set for the rapture of the Church of God. Why were the Jews cast out as a nation? Why were they as sheep not having a shepherd? The answer is, because when Jesus came unto them with the message of salvation they received Him not, but turned their backs upon Him. So will it be with this nation that is living today who have refused the gospel message and turned their backs on the Lord Jesus. We have had wars and rumors of wars, just as Jesus said we would have in the last days. We have had pestilences and famines. We have the false teachers and false prophets by the thousands. Many of the churches have let down the standard of holiness and have heaped to themselves teachers having itching ears, denying the truth, turning to fables, having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof. Just as the Jewish nation denied the Son of God, so many of this generation are denying the Holy Ghost and turning to the way of the self-righteous and the doctrine of ungodly men. As in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage until the day Noah entered into the ark, and knew not until the flood

came and took them all away, so shall it be at the coming of the Son of man. "Watch therefore; for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh."

We see the same things taking place today as did in Noah's day. People are too busy to serve God or go to church. They have no time to listen to the Word of God, but are buying and building, eating and drinking, marrying and divorcing, remarrying, committing adultery, making orphans of their children, disregarding the marriage vow. On every corner there is an eating place open twenty-four hours a day, with men and women going in and out all night long. At about every mile along the highway the devil has his flashing signal advertising beer, wine, liquor, dancing, cocktail lounge, and card games. Today, as they did in the days of Noah, men and women pass by the Church of God and hasten on to these places of sin and destruction. There we see the mothers of precious young children drinking, smoking, dancing, and gambling, while their children roam the city streets, many of them cold and hungry, sick in body, starving for a mother's love. And people will go on in this sinful way, careless and unconcerned, until Jesus comes and takes His church away. Then they will look for a hiding place from the great tribulation, but there will be no hiding place in that day.

Christians are becoming careless about God's work and careless in their manner of dress, yet they go to church and sing, "Oh, How I Love Jesus." Listen, careless soul, if you loved Jesus more than the things of this world, you would follow His example and walk in His steps. We read in 1 Tim. 2:9, 10, where Paul said, "In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; but (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works." Read what the Word of God says about it in 1 Peter 11:5-15. Verse 15 tells us that if a woman has long hair it is a glory to her, for her hair is given her for a covering. Not many women today have much glory from that standpoint. The world looks at these things, and we hear them say, "Well, they claim salvation, but look at them. They do the same things the world does, and I am just as good as they are." One thing certain, if we are to be a light to the world we must put away worldly pride and live a holy life. We cannot be true Church of God Christians and pattern after the world. When we see such things taking place we know the coming of the Lord is at hand. I love the Church of God and want to live so that my life will be a holy example of the church and its precious teachings.

The Word of God tells us that he that loveth the world and pleasures of the world, the love of God is not in them. Remember the parable of the ten virgins. The five who missed the

wedding supper were negligent of their spiritual needs and careless about living for God, and because of their careless neglect they were left outside. But the five wise ones, who were ready and looking for the bridegroom, went in to the marriage supper, and the door was shut. Then, who will go in the rapture when Jesus comes for His church? Those who are ready and watching for His coming. Dear ones, should we not keep our vessels filled with the Spirit and live holy—before God? "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." Are you ready for His coming?

TAKE THE NAME OF JESUS WITH YOU

If I were given the privilege to speak to the many hundreds of young men who will soon be embarking into a new life that heretofore they have known nothing about, the services of the United States of America, I am confident this one sentence **TAKE THE NAME OF JESUS WITH YOU** would be of great help as they go to the different camps in the States and overseas. Living a Christian life will be an all-important factor in overcoming the trials and temptations which will surely confront you in this new environment that you are going into for the first time in your life. One cannot imagine the kinds of tricks and temptations the devil can dream up to throw between you and Jesus and cause you to fall into a snare which he has prepared. They are prodigious in number. Look out for them!

As I look about me, I often say to myself, "Lord, could I find as many as one hundred about me who love you and keep your commandments?" I can then understand how Lot must have felt when he could not find even ten who loved God. Young men and women, if you will take our Saviour, who loved you so much that He gave His only begotten Son to be scorned at and then crucified for the redemption of our sins, and who has never lost a battle, be it big or small, there will be no power that can conquer you, no matter what the existing circumstances may be. Let your fellow soldiers know that you are not only a soldier of your country, but, best of all, you are a soldier of the King, Jesus Christ. In this new life, many men will shun you when they learn that you are a Christian, but be not dismayed when they don't believe you. Just remember, He will understand, and at the end of the journey He will say, "Well done. You have fought a good fight." Living a Christian life isn't an easy task in the Army, but, praise God, the profits are great.

The Bible tells us that we are to be a separate people. Don't let the devil trick you into thinking you must partake of worldly things to be as John Doe. If John Doe is of the world, you don't want to be as he anyway. Listen, young men, be left out if it means selling your birthright to be popular with men. A short time ago a close friend of mine came to me wanting to know the meaning of a dream he had. He dreamed that a great mass of peo-

ple gathered together, and at the head of the multitude was Jesus. Then Jesus suddenly turned to the multitude, and with beckoning hands asked the pure in heart to follow Him. The others tried to follow, but there seemed to be a great wall between them and Jesus—they could not go farther. Slowly they turned and walked away with great sorrow. I asked my friend where he was in this dream, and he said, "I don't know." That is the meaning of this dream—Where are you? Young people, if you do not know where you are standing with Jesus, today is a good time to find out. Where are you? **TAKE THE NAME OF JESUS WITH YOU.**—A Soldier in Germany, Pfc. B. Avant, 53018369, Hq. & Hq. Co., 43rd Div., APO 112, in care of P. M., New York, New York.

THE DEVIL'S MARKET

By Rev. Richard Roloff,
Pastor at Clayton, New Mexico

This message was preached over Radio Station KLMX, Clayton, New Mexico.

The text to my subject, "The Devil's Market," is described in the fifth chapter of Mark. Just as sure as a rancher has a market for his cattle, just so sure does Satan have a market for all he possesses. Christ and His disciples had just crossed the Sea of Galilee and had entered the country of the Gadarenes. No sooner had they arrived than out of the tombs came a naked, ragged, cut, and bruised man, who was under the control of Satan. The Scriptures tell us that this man dwelt among the tombs and no man could bind him, no, not even with chains, and no man could tame him. This poor man could find no rest, for, "always, night and day, he was in the mountains and in the tombs, crying and cutting himself with stones." What an awful picture this is! This man had been in this condition for some time. Then something happened. He saw Christ afar off and ran and worshiped Him. The demons even recognized Christ and cried, "What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the Most High God?" Here we find Satan acknowledging his Master. The Bible says that demons believe and tremble. Listen to the demons pray: "I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not." The demons in this man are actually praying that Christ will have mercy on them and not cast them out of this world.

Many a man thinks he is saved because he says a prayer occasionally. Just because you said a prayer once does not necessarily mean you are a son of God. Remember, even the devils believe God, and yet we know they are not saved. Jesus asked, "What is thy name?" They answered, "Legion: for we are many." Then they besought Christ so fervently not to send them out of the country, but into the herd of swine feeding contentedly alongside the mountain. Christ commanded them to go. They entered into the herd of swine and the swine "ran violently down a steep place into the sea, and were choked in the sea."

The devil never gives rest. He drives
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FIRST TERM OF BIBLE SCHOOL CLOSES IN INDIA



Church of God Bible School, India, June 1951-Feb. '52

Dear Evangel Reader:

It has been some time since I wrote you from India. As many of you know, I have been very seriously ill for several months. God has been slowly, but steadily, healing me. I am still not perfectly well, but I expect complete victory. I do praise the Lord for the way He has wonderfully brought me thus far.

Our school has been going on all these months, and at last we have come to the close of our first term of nine months. School closed, February 15, 1952. The second term will begin June 9, 1952. We can truly say we have had a good year in every respect. The Lord has wonderfully blessed us. We have had a normal, healthy school atmosphere, with serious young men and women dedicated to the Lord's work.

We have had no serious trouble of any kind. The illness of Brother and Sister French and me was a handicap, but the Lord graciously helped us in our time of need. The students as a whole remained healthy. We were always, with God's help, able to procure food for them at all times, even when it seemed doubtful if we could buy rice.

These young people are desperately poor. They could not possibly come to school if the people of the Church and the Missions Board did not help them. One time during the year they wanted to go for a monthly meeting in a district among the Hindus in the backwaters. They had to go by boat. Of course, they did not have the money to go. One student wanted to know

if they fasted, could they use the money thus saved for the trip. I saw no reason why they could not, so by this means they were able to make the trip. They had a blessed time and felt they had been a blessing.

It was a real tribute to the Frenches and the work they have done in India that when it came time for them to leave, the students once again wanted to know if they fasted, could they go to see the Frenches off. This was a longer trip and would take more fasting, but they were willing to make the sacrifice.

During the year we had wonderful prayer meetings each evening. Because I could not walk down to the school, the students came to the veranda each evening at 5:30 p. m. The Lord richly blessed us with many prophecies and interpretations, and two received the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

During our annual convention held in January, one program was given by the Bible School students. Everyone was dressed in pure white. Each member of the School wore a badge of red ribbon with gold letters giving the name of the School. This was very attractive. After an introduction and explanation of the purposes of the Bible School, and special music by the School, four students, two young men and two young women, spoke on the various phases of the School. Then two young men gave short sermons, speaking on the relation of the Bible School and the church and Sunday School. Our program concluded with a short message by Rev. A. J. John,

one of our faculty and one of the ablest Indians in all of South India.

After examinations were over, the students wanted an opportunity to express their appreciation for the School, so we had a farewell service. Following are a few of the remarks given by some of the students:

"Praise the Lord. With much thankfulness in my heart, I stand before you dear ones to express my thankfulness toward the School authorities, the teachers, and all fellow students. We were able to live here as members of one family and learn the Word of God. Now we are going to separate for three months, and the thought itself grieves my heart. When I think of myself, I was not at all worthy to be a member of this Bible School, but because of His great love for me, I have had this opportunity." This young man went on to thank the teachers individually and especially the American friends who made this school possible.

"Praise the Lord. I want to express my gratitude to all. The Lord was kind enough to start this school this year, and we are able to continue our studies (in this school) under efficient teachers. This school has given us real wisdom to live in this world and a real desire to work for the Lord. I want the rest of my life to do His service. I need the prayers of all my friends and teachers."

"This School was interesting, even from the beginning. I got much knowledge from the subjects. By the grace of God I understood so many spiritual lessons. I think it will help me to stand faithfully in the way of the Lord. I am praying to God to give me strength to suffer all things for Him."

Now the students have gone, some to work for the Lord in their own churches, others to step out into new fields. All are desirous of working for the Lord. We expect good reports when they return in June.

In closing, I wish to thank all who have helped to make this school a success, both by your faithful prayers and your contributions.

Yours very sincerely,
Miss Dora P. Myers

A LETTER FROM HAITI

PORT-au-PRINCE, Haiti—Thank God for His blessings. Our annual conventions this year have been greater than any since we arrived. We were privileged to have the Reverends John L. Byrd, J. L. McCoy, and Leonard Carroll, along with the West Indies superintendent, Henry C. Stoppe, as our convention visitors. God anointed their messages, and the people were filled with new zeal and determination to work harder for Him. Brother Byrd preached his first sermon to the Haitian people on the subject of "Tithes," or "God's Financial Plan." This he did so well that by request he preached it three times.

In the first four conventions 250 persons were baptized. We thank God for these 250 persons who are now baptized members in the Church of God. Before the conventions for this fiscal year we had 415 persons added

to the Church. Pray that God will give us our goal of 1,000 members this year.

This is Mardi Gras season. Mardi Gras means literally "Big Tuesday" and is a big celebration by the Catholics the day before Lent begins. In Haiti Voodooism and Catholicism are intermingled. Not only do the Haitians observe "Big Tuesday," but for weeks before Mardi Gras they begin celebrating, which is in the form of dressing in weird costumes, dancing to the beat of drums and the music of bamboo horns. They march in groups, sometimes of several hundred, singing, dancing, and chanting their African chants. One of the favorite gathering places is just outside the mission home around the Catholic statue of Saint Peter.

One of our neighbors died this week. She was a well-known Voodoo mamba (priestess) who brought much trouble to Brother and Sister Kluzit when they had a church here at Petionville. Also, she was the Catholic person designated to wash the statue of Saint Peter each year. On hearing that she was very ill, we went over to ask her to accept Christ and get ready to meet God. She was already unconscious, and so we talked with the family. They said we could pray if we liked, but that they could never change their religion—they had too many affairs in their hands and at 12:30 a Voodoo hougan was coming to see, by divination, what could be done. We had prayer and the presence of the Lord was strongly manifested. We felt that He was offering to them complete deliverance if they would be willing to forsake sin. Brother Lacombe told them that if they should decide to clean out the house and turn to the Lord, to let us know, and he would return with a band of church members to burn all the Voodoo fetishes and pray for the sick one. When we went over, the hougan was just leaving. He said that it was too late for him to do anything. The doctors said there was no hope, yet they would not turn to the Lord. They never sent for us. She died about 12:45 that night. Such screaming and wailing as went on would have torn your heart. It continued all night and during the morning hours. Her funeral was held at 4 p. m. One evening she was being offered pardon; the next, she was buried.

Voodooism is still thriving in Haiti, but the Church of God is gaining ground. The Lord is blessing. The work is progressing. There is a good revival spirit in many of the churches. The ministers are encouraged, and souls are being saved. It is a joy to be a part of God's work and to see those who are born and reared in darkness and superstition find the light and joy of the gospel of Christ.—Your missionaries to Haiti, Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Walker, Jr., and Miss Odine Morse.

WHO WILL GO FOR US?

Isaiah 6:8

We must thank God that the challenge He gave nearly three thousand years ago is still good for today. The triune God gave the sacred challenge

from His own temple (church) the only place from which the call for world evangelism must come forth. How often the Holy Spirit, through tongues and interpretations, challenges individuals, and sometimes groups, by saying, "Who will go for us?" and, sad to say, few respond to His call.

We notice how Isaiah felt when the presence of the Almighty filled the place. He cried out because of his iniquity; therefore, his lips were cleansed with fire from the altar. Glory to God! As soon as he was cleansed, he answered the call. Personally, I believe there were many men and women in Israel, even in the Temple, when God gave this call, who were worthy of a call, but none responded except Isaiah. Perhaps some were afraid to lose their dignity before men, others their social position, while the rest were not willing to give up the pleasures and material gains of this life. We confess that these are the main factors which keep men and women in these days from responding to the call of needy mission fields.

Someone may say that Isaiah was called for his people. That is true, but it would have been easier for him to carry God's message to the heathen than to Israel, in those days. The people were stiffnecked and hardhearted against the truth, yet Isaiah, without fear, went forward with the great task. The whole people stood against him throughout his years, and finally he laid down his life for his people, for King Manasseh had him sawed asunder. I pray that God will raise up many men and women from our own church who in obedience to the heavenly challenge will go out to the needy fields in an effort to save their lost brothers and sisters, without counting their lives dear to themselves.

The mission fields of today are not in need of men and women who want to go there depending on their high education, strength, and big salaries, and for selfpleasures, but the need is so urgent and stressing for those who are filled with the Holy Ghost and are full of love for saving others even at the cost of their lives, willing to

be persecuted, mocked, and financially stranded, sharing the sorrow and the joy of others without a murmur.

We know that every mission field and church which has never had the Pentecostal message preached therein must be given the gospel without hesitation, for the coming of the Lord is drawing nigh. Therefore, it is our duty to see that the gospel is carried to every needy field. Among the needy fields of today are Palestine (Jordan), Egypt, Syria Proper, Lebanon, and Iraq, numbering about 89 million, all speaking the same Arabic (Syrian) language. We are glad to report that we have many churches in Egypt. Some of them have joined with our church since 1945, and in Palestine (Jordan side) we have good work there, but in view of the many thousands of refugees there, the opportunities are great for Holy Ghost missionaries. Brother Hatfield and his family, who came as our first missionaries there in 1947 and went through most of the troubles and trials, have stood the test and now are doing good and successful work there, yet the need for missionaries to that part of the Middle East is very great. Thank God, people in the Middle East countries have lately seen their need of Pentecost.

These countries which I have mentioned are linked together and are only a few hundred miles from each other. Syria has no Pentecostal missionaries, but is a good field to start with, and so is Lebanon and Iraq, which have very few missionaries. Modern conveniences can be found in those countries; living is much cheaper than in the States or in Europe; and transportation and communications are well provided. Now who will hear and obey the heavenly challenge to these needy fields which are known as the Middle East, where ignorant millions are calling for you to bring them the Pentecostal message? May the Lord send forth more laborers.—Rev. H. K. Suleiman, in care of the Church of God Mission Department, 1080 Montgomery Avenue, Cleveland, Tennessee.

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Does It Pay to Be a Christian?

Real Rewards of an Upright Life

By Manuel F. Campbell, Pastor at Somerset, Ky.

When the Master was here on earth, Peter asked Him a question, which in some form or other is often upon the lips of people today. He said: "Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore?"

"Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life," Matthew 19:27-29.

Back of every transaction, back of every business deal, back of every undertaking, back of nearly every program of life lies this same question: "What shall we have therefore? What shall we get out of it? What returns shall come to us?"

Does it pay to be a Christian? First of all, let us define our terms. What is a Christian? Perhaps we might start in by stating what a Christian is not. A Christian is not merely an upright citizen. One who attends church is not necessarily a Christian. The man who pays his bills is a good neighbor, is a fine moral man, but not necessarily a Christian. It is true that being a Christian includes all these estimable qualities, but it is more, infinitely more.

A Christian is a positive character. It is not merely a modification of the old life; it is a new life.

The religion of Christ means more than the forgiveness of sin; it means taking away our sins, and filling the vacuum with the graces of the Holy Spirit. It means divine illumination, rejoicing in God. It means a heart emptied of self, and blessed with the abiding presence of Christ. When Christ reigns in the soul, there is purity, freedom from sin. The glory, the fullness, the completeness of the gospel plan is fulfilled in the life. The acceptance of the Saviour brings a glow of perfect peace, perfect love,

perfect assurance. The beauty and fragrance of the character of Christ, revealed in the life, testifies that God has, indeed, sent His Son into the world to be its Saviour.

A Christian loves his fellow man, and seeks his good. Like his Lord, he loves the virtuous, the pure, the true. The mind of Christ dominates him; the love of Christ constrains him.

True, there is much of pretense and sham and superficial religion among professed Christians, but we must not judge Christianity by the miserable failures of some. We must not look at men; we must look to Jesus. He is the great example; the divine standard and pattern; but He is more than that. He is the great helper, the divine Saviour, the all-sufficient One. Christianity centers in Christ. If you have Christ, then you are a Christian. In Colossians 1:27 we read: "To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory." The new life is the Christ life—Christ living again His life in us. It is our yielding to His will, obeying His commands, going on His errands, controlled moment by moment by the divine Spirit.

It pays to be a Christian. It pays in happiness, in peace, in hope, and in contentment of life. The quest of every life is for happiness, peace, and contentment.

The true Christian has something to be happy about. There is a reason for his bright, sunny countenance and the song in his heart, for "there is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus." Romans 8:1. What reaction would you think would grip the heart and life of a convicted prisoner, sentenced to death, if, on the last day before the execution, the governor would issue him a pardon? Would he not be happy and thankful? Yet that is a weak comparison of what God has done for us—providing a substitute to pay the penalty of transgression and offering every repentant sinner pardon so all-inclusive that there is now "no condemnation."

"I am an unhappy and disappointed man," said a New York banker to his pastor when they were seated for a quiet heart-to-heart talk. This was a bit surprising to the minister. To him the banker had always appeared well satisfied. He had been unusually successful in business. He had a charming family and everything to make life comfortable and satisfying. There was but one thing he lacked.

"What is your trouble?" asked the minister quietly.

"My trouble," continued the banker, with a deep-drawn sigh, "is that, although I am a professing Christian, I have never let God have His way with me. He called me to preach when I was a young man in college. There was no mistaking it! I knew then, and I know now, that it was His call. But I wanted to make money, and to reach an independent position; so I turned a deaf ear to His call, and went my own way. After graduation I plunged into money making, and I have amassed what even men in New York call a fortune; but it doesn't satisfy. I am dissatisfied and thoroughly unhappy."

Money does not satisfy the longings of our poor hearts. It does not bring the happiness we crave. Position does not satisfy. It cannot make us happy. Changes in circumstances will not give the troubled soul rest. There is only one way to true happiness. We must let God have His way. Failure to do this is the cause of the great disappointments in life.—From Somerset Parish Paper.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

Pray for:

Me. I am a shut-in.—Mrs. Nancy Volles. God to undertake for us.—A Sister, Greer, S. C.

My wife.—M. S. Mitchell, Nashville, Ga. My wife to be healed of a very serious affliction: our 3 children to be healed of terrible colds; my healing.—H. D. Thomas, Box 236, Des Moines, Iowa.

Mrs. Henry Cameron to be healed of arthritis in her neck, head, and back. Encouraging letters and cards will be appreciated by her. Her address is Route 2, Marietta, Ga.—Mrs. Sally Walters, of Marietta, Ga.

The healing of my body.—Jessie Mae Rose, Princeton, W. Va.

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REVIVALS . . .

HICKORY GROVE, S. C.—We have had a two and one-half weeks' revival, with Brother and Sister J. A. Hanvey, of Laurens, S. C. They were both a blessing to the church with the singing and preaching. The Holy Ghost came down and convicted sinners, and there were 11 saved, 5 sanctified, 3 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 5 added to the church. On the last night of the revival the church presented our evangelist and his wife with lovely gifts. I am sure any church will be blessed by securing Brother and Sister Hanvey for a revival. Our pastor, Rev. J. C. Green, was presented money to get a new suit of clothes for his birthday, which was February 12. Pray for him and his wife and for our church here.—Mrs. Lucy Harris, Reporter.

I have been in a 10-day meeting in Independence, Oregon. Several have prayed through. We had a mission service in which the offering was \$210.47. Eight of our churches have broken their Sunday School records in the past few weeks.—F. W. Goff, State Overseer.

LEXINGTON, Ala.—We have had a 2 weeks' successful revival, with Rev. Edwin Kerr, of Cleveland, Tenn., doing the preaching. We are praising God for the way He blessed in this revival. During the first week the church was revived, and there were several outstanding healings. One lady was healed of a bad case of arthritis of long standing; 2 were healed of sinus trouble; some were healed of nervousness. The report would be too lengthy to tell of all the wonderful healings, but God blessed in a wonderful way. The second week, there were 3 saved, one sanctified, and one baptized with the Holy Ghost. The crowds were small on account of rainy weather and sickness, but God blessed through it all. The revival closed with 8 in the altar seeking God. Brother Kerr is open for revivals, and he would be a blessing to your church. His address is Box 314, Cleveland, Tenn.—Velma White, Clerk and Reporter.

WAWOTA, SASK., Canada—I should like to tell you that I believe things here in Wawota are well in hand. I didn't take in just as many members as I had expected. The reason for that, of course, is that we had to stop the revival meetings because of weather conditions. The weather had dropped to 30 below. One of our new converts walked 5 miles last night to attend Y. P. E., and that despite the fact that it was zero weather. The Lord has helped us, and though a number of our people cannot attend services because of the rough weather, we have average Sunday School attendance. May we have your prayers.—J. A. Brost, Pastor.

BAINBRIDGE, Ga.—We are happy to report a 2 weeks' revival during which we experienced many wonderful blessings from the Lord. The church was benefited greatly, and the most of our young people were saved. The evangelist was Rev. Kelland Jeffords and wife, of Waresboro, Ga. This young couple is consecrated and talented, and their singing will bless any church. The total saved was 30, 17 sanctified, and 8 baptized with the Holy Ghost.—Brooks Youngblood, Pastor.

RACINE, Ohio—We have had a revival with Sister Gladys Chapman, of Cleveland, Ohio, as the evangelist. Sister Chapman did some good preaching, and there were 2 saved and 2 baptized with the Holy Ghost. Interest here is on the increase, and we desire the prayers of many that this little place will shine for God.—T. P. Satterfield, Pastor.

TELEGRAM

Wonderful revival in progress in Savannah, Ga. Numbers saved and sanctified, 33 filled with Holy Ghost. Minnie Irene Hillhouse, evangelist. God wonderfully blessing the work in Savannah—a steady increase in every department. New building will be erected soon, at approximate value of of \$100,000. Prayers will be appreciated for the work here—P. H. Hammonds, Pastor.

ALBANY, Ore.—We have had 2 good revivals recently, with Rev. S. E. Kinson as the speaker in the first revival. The Lord surely did bless and about 15 were saved and 3 filled with the Holy Ghost. Then, in the second revival, our state overseer, Rev. F. W. Goff, did the preaching. He, also, is a wonderful man of God and will stir your soul. About 18 were saved, one refilled, and 3 filled with the Holy Ghost. Brother Goff is doing a real work for God as overseer of Washington, Idaho, and Oregon. Our Sunday School record is 84 now, and last Sunday we had 72. Our church is growing, and we are looking for 100 in attendance in a short time. Our pastor is G. S. Tapley, and he is a real man of God.—Otto Giedd, Reporter.

MARION, N. C.—A very successful revival has just closed here. Fourteen testified to being saved, and 2 filled with the Holy Ghost. Brother Willis Nelson was the evangelist. We opened a mission two and one-half miles from the church on the west side of town. Rev. Garnett McCurdy, of Shelby, was the evangelist. We had large crowds and several were saved and sanctified, and one received the Holy Ghost. From those services 9 were

added to the church, all adults. Our Sunday School at the mission has averaged 75 in attendance in the past 4 weeks. The Lord has given us 16 members here this year. At the beginning of the year we had only 26 members; now we have 42.—J. B. Holcomb, Pastor.

SOMERSET, Ky.—The Church of God at Somerset has had a good revival. Rev. Ellis Allen, the evangelist, did some wonderful preaching. Souls were blessed and 30 conversions were counted. The Communion and feet washing were observed at the watch night service. Rev. Manuel F. Campbell, our pastor, still has a broadcast, "The Church of God Hour," at 7:30 p.m. each Sunday, and a weekly "Gospel" at 1:25 p.m. The Y. P. E. is doing fine and the average Sunday School attendance for January was 286. Our church building needs enlarging for the Sunday School and regular Sunday services.—Ella Jackson, Reporter.

CATEECHEE, S. C.—We have just had a one-week revival at the Cateechee Church of God, with Sister W. J. Glouse as the speaker. The Holy Ghost was in every service. There were 2 sanctified, 2 baptized with the Holy Ghost, and 2 added to the church. The Lord used Sister Glouse in a mighty way. She is one that waits upon the Lord. Brother Alfred Miller is our pastor. Brother Miller is just starting out and we have only a few members, but the Lord is blessing. We have made a few improvements in the church. We need your prayers.—Margaret Allsep, Reporter.

TOWNSEND, Tenn.—We have just had a great revival, with Sister Oliver of North Carolina and R. L. Sifford as the evangelists. There were 27 saved, 15 sanctified, 15 filled with the Holy Ghost, 17 baptized in water, and 21 added to the church.—Melvin Jones, Pastor.

MARBLEDALE, KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—God has wonderfully blessed us with an old-fashioned 3 weeks' revival, with Sister Florence Guy as our evangelist. There were 37 saved, 17 sanctified, 15 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 17 added to the church. Our Sunday School is going over the top. We thank and praise the Lord for the way He is blessing at Marbledale. Sister Guy and her twin boys did some wonderful singing and preaching each night of the revival, and we heartily recommend her, to anyone in need of an evangelist, as one who is not afraid to preach the old-time gospel.—L. C. Gentry, Pastor.

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Paul's Five Sources of Treasures

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Rev. Lucius Hawkins

"Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong (2 Cor. 12:10).

This is the conclusion of Paul's reference to a very remarkable experience he had fourteen years before this Epistle was written to the Corinthians.

Going back fourteen years according to our New Testament chronology, we find Paul at Lystra, where he was assaulted by a mob with a shower of stones, beaten to insensibility, and dragged out of the city for dead.

And there is no question but he was dead, for it was undoubtedly at this time that he was caught up into Paradise, to which experience he refers in this letter to the Corinthians.

He did not remain in heaven long at that time, for while his friends stood over his dead body, he returned to consciousness, and arose, and went into the city. His work on earth was only commenced and God sent him back to finish it. But he remained long enough to get a glimpse of the place, and to hear a few of the songs and testimonies of the dwellers in that land. But for fourteen years, so far as we know, he said nothing about his heavenly experience, and now modestly refers to it in the third person.

God saw that Paul was in danger of being unduly exalted by these visions and revelations, so He allowed the devil to thrust a thorn into his flesh.

David, the Hindu evangelist, thinks the danger was not that Paul might be exalted by spiritual pride, but that the people would exalt him as a god, as they endeavored to do at Iconium, before his translation. Be that as it may, God allowed the devil to thrust the thorn into his flesh to keep him from being exalted either in his own person, or the opinion of others.

A great deal of idle speculation has been indulged in as to what Paul's thorn was. I do not propose to make any contribution of worthless literature upon that subject. It matters nought to us what it was. Two facts concerning it are valuable to us. First,

whatever it was, it was the messenger of Satan. And this teaches us that Satan has power to thrust thorns in our flesh, and will do so every time he has the opportunity. But he can do it only as God permits him, and God gives him permission to do so only when He sees that it will be for our good. And it is well for us to know that God does sometimes allow His people to be chastised by the devil.

In the second place, if we wish to escape the devil's thorns, we must keep lowly and humble at Jesus' feet, for he that exalteth himself shall be abased, and God may be compelled sometimes to use the devil's messengers to keep His people from undue exaltation.

But Paul did not enjoy the devil's thorn, and he besought the Lord thrice that it might be removed. By the definite number "thrice, I suppose it is to be understood that Paul prayed earnestly and importunately for the removal of the thorn, and God heard and answered his prayer, as He always hears and answers all true prayer.

But the answer did not come literally, in the removal of the thorn, just as Paul had prayed, but the answer was better than if it had been just as Paul requested. And that is always the case—if God does not give us just what we ask for, He gives us what is better.

This was the answer that came to Paul: "My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness." How did the apostle receive the answer? Did he become angry or impatient, like Jonah, when his gourd dried up? Did he murmur or complain?

Listen: "Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong."

No complaint or despondency in that shout. It is the song of the victor, not of the vanquished. It is the battle cry of faith, not the wall of despair.

But when Paul says he glories in his infirmities and takes pleasure in his persecutions, we are not to understand that he was callous to physical suffering and took pleasure in literal pain. That is impossible for any human being no matter what his consecration or faith may be, and he had already prayed for the removal of the thorn.

But it was the result, the outgrowth, the fruit of all this pain and suffering, that he was able to see by faith, that made him glory and gave him pleasure.

Why did Paul so highly value the power of Christ? Because without this power he could accomplish nothing. He well knew the meaning of Christ's words to His disciples, "Without me ye can do nothing." The power of Christ and the love of Christ are synonymous. Love is power. Hence we hear him saying to these Corinthians in a former letter: "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not (love), I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal." And in his letter to the Philippians he says: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

Many other men beside Paul have wanted the power of Christ to rest upon them, but they have wanted His power to supplement their own. How few there are who are willing to have their power of learning, and eloquence, and position, and titles, and relations, and money all utterly discounted and reckoned as nothing.

Paul had as much in the way of pedigree, natural and acquired ability, and personal righteousness as any living man. Writing to the Philippians he says: "If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust in the flesh, I more: circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews: as touching the law, a Pharisee; concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.

"But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea (Continued on page 15)

THE DEVIL'S MARKET

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people and anything he possesses continually from one place to another to find rest and peace. You who are under the influence of Satan will never find peace as long as he is your master. He will drive you to your ruin and damnation. The devil's slaughterhouse is the tormenting fires of hell, where the worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched, where the smoke of their torment ascendeth up forever and forever. "There is no rest, saith the Lord, to the wicked." James said, "The wicked are like a troubled sea when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt." You, sinner, are like that man who was driven by Satan. He found no rest night or day. Satan can never give you peace of mind and heart. He drives you from one place of sin to another. You are like the sea that is tossed about by the tempestuous wind. You will be driven from one of his markets to another until you are sold forever, if you do not accept Christ.

Jesus told the man out of whom He cast the demons to go back to his home and tell his friends how great things God had done for him. The Scripture tells how this man began to publish this wherever he went. I can imagine the news travelled ahead. Finally, it reached his home, and his wife, whom he had beaten many times before, heard that her husband was on his way home. Her fear was probably great, and the children were frightened, because the man who used to beat them was coming home again. But when he came, instead of hatred, he had love. Instead of being demon-possessed, he was God-possessed. Instead of a wall of agony, there was a cry of peace and joy. What had happened to this husband? What happened to this daddy? I'll tell you! He met the Deliverer of this world, the Prince of Peace.

Those who were feeding the swine ran and told what had happened. When the people who heard what had occurred came to Jesus and saw him that had been possessed with the devil, clothed in his right mind, they were astonished to see the man that no one could tame. Yes, thank God, when he met Christ, he was delivered completely. The man was not only delivered, but he wanted to follow Christ.

You may not be driven as was this man; you may be completely clothed, but naked in God's sight, and your pleasure is only for a season. Why don't you come to Christ, who will give you the rest and joy you have been looking for all this time?

PAUL'S FIVE SOURCES OF TREASURES

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doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, and be found in him."

This was the depth of self-abnegation to which Paul descended in order that he might have the power of Christ rest upon him. And all his infirmities, reproaches, necessities, persecutions, and distresses were to him so many sources of pleasure, because they stripped him of his own strength and reduced him to such a condition of weakness that Christ could put His power on him.

How few there are who are willing to place upon themselves an estimation of utter nothingness. Men are unwilling to reckon themselves as ciphers. Men do not enjoy sinking down out of sight of the world. It takes

much grace for men to estimate themselves as "less than the least of all saints," as Paul did. Men enjoy the reputation of being learned, or eloquent, or influential, or popular, or noble.

But the point of contact with the power of Christ is at the depth of self-abasement; and we should welcome with unfeigned pleasure any trial or cross, any disappointment or failure, any reproach or persecution, any necessity or distress that would crucify self and take us down to those depths of humility where the power of Christ can rest upon us.—**Christian and Missionary Alliance.**

OBITUARIES



MARKS

Rev. I. H. Marks, of 458 W. Colorado St., Dallas, Texas, was born May 29, 1878, in Henderson County, Kentucky, and died February 17, 1952. He was 73 years, 8 months, and 18 days of age. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ruth Virginia Marks, of Dallas; 3 sons, James R., of Houston; John R., of Fairbanks, Alaska; and William H., of Dallas; one daughter, Mrs. Frank Stamps, of Dallas; and other relatives and many friends throughout the United States.

Brother Marks had been a Church of God minister for more than 40 years, and was known everywhere he preached for his straightforward holiness preaching. He will be greatly missed here in the local church, for he was a great source of inspiration to us. Often, when the battle was hard, he would shake his head, brush back his white hair, and say, "Brethren, God is able." I had the privilege of being his pastor for 18 months. He bore his suffering patiently and often told me he was going to be with Jesus. We feel that the Church of God has lost one of its greatest ministers

but our loss is heaven's gain.—W. H. Henry, His Pastor.

READ

Mrs. Ella Read, a patient at our Old Folks' Home, died Feb. 2, 1952, at the age of 83 years.—A. L. Smith, Pastor, Manns Choice, Pa.

SMITH

The Church of God at Shelby, Ala., has lost one of its best prayer warriors, Mrs. Maggie Smith, who died Jan. 31, 1952, at the age of 80 years. Her funeral was conducted at the Shelby Church of God, with her pastor, Brother Mitchell, Brother Lewis Brasher, and Brother Clarence Sawley officiating.—Her Stepdaughter, Mrs. Sylmon Green.



BUSBY

Mr. Claude White Busby passed away Oct. 4, 1951. Brother Busby had been a member of the Church of God at Cedartown, Ga., for several years, and his testimony was that he was ready to go and was just waiting for the Lord to come for him. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Mrs. Lula Trammell Busby, 4 sons, 2 daughters, 2 sisters, and a host of relatives and friends. His funeral was conducted at the Church of God at Cedartown, Ga., Oct. 10, 1951, at 2 p. m., with Rev. W. W. Ball, Rev. Gene Cherry, Rev. Bert Marshall, and the writer officiating.—W. P. Cornwell, His Pastor.

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